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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1114.

*Friday, the* $\frac{31st\ of\ March\ 1939.}{18th\ of\ Meenam\ 1114.}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. K. R. Ramakrishnan, C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT—TRAINING IN.

**421. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many have been trained at the Cherp Rural Development Centre;

(*b*) the period of training undergone by the candidates ;

(*c*) whether any enquiry has been made before training them to find out the number of those who had undergone training in Rural Reconstruction Centre at Marthandom or Ramanathapuram and employed in Government service or private schools in the State and, if not, whether it will be done now ;

(*d*) whether their services as part-time or full-time workers cannot be availed of in Rural Development activities ;

(*e*) whether any scheme has been prepared for utilizing the services of those who have undergone training at Marthandom, Ramanathapuram or Cherp; and, if so,

(*f*) whether it will be printed and placed on the table ;

(*g*) whether the approval of the Council be obtained before giving effect to the scheme ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) :

(*a*) 87 candidates have been trained at the Rural Development Centre at Cherpu.

(*b*) 12 candidates have undergone training for a period of 3 months; 45 candidates for a period of one month ; and 30

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candidates (all teachers) for a week during the Christmas holidays in 1938.

(*c*) Yes. Enquiry has been made.

(*d*) Some of them are now doing part-time work relating to rural reconstruction. Two of them are employed at the Rural Centre at Cherpu. One is doing honorary work in the Chalakkudi Depressed Class Colony. One is in charge of a rural centre at Pazhanji. Some of them are secretaries of rural reconstruction societies, Co-operative societies and other organisations.

(*e*) No special scheme has been prepared ; but students were given practical suggestions as to what they should do in their villages and Government have reports of good work being done by a number of them.

(*f*) Not necessary in the light of the answer to (*e*).

(*g*) No answer is necessary in view of the answers to (*e*) and (*f*).

## COCOANUT PESTS —ERADICATION OF.

**422. Mr. C. V. Iyyu.** (*Kunnamkulam*) : Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Government can place before the House:—

(*a*) a statement of different varieties of cocoanut pests in the State and a brief description of the nature of each variety of pests;

(*b*) the efforts the Government has hitherto undertaken to eradicate these pests ;

(*c*) whether they have arranged to have any researches made in this connection ;

(*d*) whether the Imperial Institute of Agricultural Research has been approached for this purpose ;

(*e*) if so, what work they have done in this connection ;

(*f*) the acreage these pests have affected the agriculture in each Taluk of the State ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) :

(*a*) Copies of Bulletin No. IV published in 1938, and Bulletin No. II published in 1111, of the Entomological series, relating to the different varieties of cocoanut pests are placed on the Council table. They will supply the information required.

(*b*) The information is contained in the Bulletins referred to.

(*c*) Researches on cocoanut pests are carried out by the Entomologist.

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